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From the Portland Advertiser.
Doctor Dingley to the Editors of the Portland Advertiser.

FRIENDS.—The bundle of newspapers came safe to hand. You are not stingy, I can say that for you. There was even a most enough to set me up in a post office for myself.

My wife was all but tickled to death to see me in print. When I came home from the post office, she was standing over the bread trough, mixing a batch of rye and Indian. "Thinking of nothing, but just humming over one of her old songs, to keep time with her motions. I hit her a slap, and says I 'hold up your head, old woman, if you want to see how Dr. Dingley figures in the newspapers. For here he is, sure enough, and as large as life.' She straightened herself up and raised her hands all plastered with dough, and says she, 'why Doctor, you lie!'

Says I, 'I don't lie a syllable.—Look at there.—What does that spell, ha?' 'Doctor Dingley to the Editor, &c. &c.' With this, she gave a hand laugh and made a dive into the trough as if she would go all in, head and shoulders. Then you should have seen her squelch and squish and tumble the dough about! Rye and Indian never got such a wallowing before, since creation. She kept her two fists a going for ten minutes, like a fulling mill. Then she took her fore finger and thumb and stripped the dough all off, first of one arm, then the other.—Then she heaped it all up in the middle of the trough and spanked it down smooth and stuck up a fork on the top to keep the witches from squatting down on it to make it heavy. Then off went old cheek apron, and down she slumped into the first chair, and fell to reading. And she read and read—and I thought she would have died she was so tickled. Next day comes uncle Moses from Grand Corner, and she sends him home loaded down with newspapers. Some to circulate among the Gruels, and some to be sent on to cousins on Androscoggin. So, you see, my writings are like to be spread far and wide. Faith, there is no danger of my light shining under a bushel, if you let her alone.

Now let us finish the story about the Rawson girls and done with it. It was snapped off a short that it seems an ugly job to bring the two ends together so as to look ship-shape. If I had only had time to taper it off a little so as to give a chance for a splice. But, no matter, all we can do now, is to lay the blame to Joe Bowers (Joe junior) and go to work and smooth it over as well as we can.

I left off just as the shay was lost sight of behind the orchard, going down the Barbary road and the people were coming together from all quarters about Josh Carter's sign post, and every body agreed that the Rawson girls were gone gooses.

"Just as aurtin—as you stan there, Miss Thompson. Salt wouldn't save em! And such nice charming girls. Any think."

O, there never was such a rumpus and alarm at Squash Corner since the world began. But it is high time now to go back and look after Johnny Beedle before we forget it, for I guess he will be wanted, before all is done.

That was a towering hoist, he got from the old mare's back. He flew scandalous over the fence, and lit down, right in the softest place in Jonas Hathaway's hog pen. It was a place used a great deal by the hogs to take their comfort in, and they had worked and stirred it up till it was about as thick as a good wholesome hastipuddin'. He came out of it with a whole neck, and that was a comfort—but a comfort that was neither sweet nor clean, I tell ye.

He was a sight to look at! And the smell of him was no ways healthy. When he spread out his two hands and looked down on his condition, he was ready to faint. His first and only thought was to hide himself from mortal eyes, and that as quick as possible. If a petticoat had happened in sight, just then, he would have crept into the first knot hole. But, thanks to my old mare, there was another chance. She got up, safe and sound as a whistle. She was used to these little rubs, and, barring the skinning of her nose and barking her shins, she was not a hair the worse. She was on her legs again about as soon as Mr. Beedle, and after a good smart shake, looked as chipper out of the eyes as a squirrel. Johnny up, and straddled her, without a word, and, in twenty jumps, he was out of sight, down Scratchback lane, that is lined with alder bushes from one end to the other.

He vanished so quick that no creature got sight of him, but old granny Hathaway. She happened to be sitting at her door, nipping string beans at the time; but she was so blind that she could not tell whether it was a man or a hawk.

Now, you see, Scratchback lane leads down the hollow to Muddy brook, and come out into the Barbary road, right at the old bridge, that I spoke of as such a stumbling block before the Rawson girls. This lane was made on purpose

to give a short cut for the people on the hill to drive their cattle to water, in dry times. And that puts me in mind of how it got the name of Scratchback. They had many a hard tussle in town-meeting, before it was carried through.—But, at last, the Uphillers and Underhillers agreed to change works. Then 'Squire Jones was chosen Representative and Scratchback was voted. Just as easy —

So the old mare naturally thought that Johnny was riding her to water; and she wanted no spurring, for her throat was as dry as a cob, and she never slacked to draw breath, till she had her nose in the brook. As soon as Mr. Beedle saw the water, he felt as if he had found a friend, and without waiting for compliments, he jumped right in, head foremost. It was too cold for sport, and he made two or three tumblers and splashes, with such good will, that the mare had hardly done drinking before he sprung out again, as bright and blooming as ever, to look at, though he would hardly bear close inspection. And now it stood him in hand to make haste home to shift and dry himself, before he should catch his death of cold, being weakly and ailing as he was then. And as he had no reason now to be ashamed to show himself, he pushed boldly up the Barbary road; and as soon as he rose the brow of the hill, the first thing he saw was the Rawson girls! Horse, shay, and meal bag.

Whoorah for Johnny Beedle! He's the boy for the women. It is a wonder; and it seems as if the Rawson girls were set upon it, that nobody but he should save their lives. But Bonypart, the contrary old brute, cheated everybody. Here goes he—all over town; dodges all the men—ours and the boys. And just as Mr. Beedle is ready to pop up before him, and gain all the glory of stopping him, what does he?

Why, he stops himself. This was plaguy unlucky, not only for Johnny Beedle but for my story; but the truth is, the old horse was tired to death; and nothing but spunk and ambition prevented his comi'g to a stop, long before. And when he got well out of sight, behind Carter's orchard, he thought there was no use in carrying the joke any further, and so he began to slack, and then tapered off slower and slower, and finally stood stock still, just about a quarter of a minute before Mr. Beedle's head appeared over the brow of the hill.

When Johnny appeared at the corner, leading old Bonypart in captivity, and the Rawson girls marching behind in procession, the people all took it for granted that he was the conqueror here; and there was nothing to be heard from all quarters but 'whoorah for Johnny Beedle.' Then they huddled around him cramming and stuffing him with all sorts of praise and flattery, till he was near bursting; and Josh Carter could not be satisfied till he had turned a whole gill of raw new-england down his throat to keep the water out of his stomach. Johnny swallowed every thing, as kindly as a young cosset, and kept his own counsel; and enjoyed his glory as much as if he had earned it, till such times as he undertook to court the Rawson girls upon the strength of it, and then he found it was not a tree that would bear. Johnny always halted with that leg; he never could keep from courting.

But where was Dr. Dingley, says you, all this time? Well, if I must speak of myself—I came into the latter end of the fray. At the first alarm, on the common, I had steered straight home to tell Mrs. Dingley, and also to put my tools and fixings in order, to be prepared for the worst; for I thought things looked promising of some terrible disaster, likely to bring a job into the healing hands of the Doctor. I told my wife, says I, I make it a point always to mind my own business. So, at the time when there was the greatest gathering about Mr. Beedle and the girls, at the sign post, I came upon the ground fully equipped, for bone setting or blood letting, bandaging and plastering. However, I soon saw there was no market for my goods.—You see, whenever there is great trouble, and pressing occasion for the Doctor, every body is cap in hand to him. And it is then, that he commonly cuts a wide swath in a crowd. But when I marched up, expecting to see the people open to the right and left and make a lane for me, they only turned their backs and whoorah for Johnny Beedle; and I was no more noticed than a puppy dog. So I had nothing to do but to turn in and swing my hat, and take it out in rejoicing.

However, I got a chance to give the Rawson girls a piece of advice, before I quit a ground, and that much was put down to my credit. I told the girls, says I, 'never do you scream so loud again, when you are run away with; it's the last way to stop a scared horse.' Well, they did not think of that. 'That's just the thing, says I.—(Deacon Carpenter was standing by)—If you had considered a moment, you would have kept quiet. Mark my words, says I, always consider before you scream.'—And the Deacon confessed there was no disputing what I said. And the girls were very thankful, and said they should know better next time.

There is some satisfaction in giving advice to people that know the worth of it. I tell ye what those Rawson girls were no fools; and hand some enough, to boot, considering the flesh they were in,—especially Jimmy. After all, nobody

can say they behaved more foolish than Aunt Suzy, when she fell into Pollywog pond, as old and as wise as she sets up for. J. D.

SINGULAR CASE.

The following singular case has occurred on board the Brownfield, a vessel belonging to Mr. Brownfield of this place, trading hence from Paris to London, with fruit. The crew had been taking water, and had just filled the casks when one of the boys, being thirsty, applied his mouth to the bung-hole of one of them, and drank freely. In a short time the lad commenced bleeding profusely from the mouth.—He then told the captain that he felt something in his throat and was immediately taken on shore for medical assistance, when it was discovered that he had swallowed a large horse-leech, which had fastened itself deeply down in the throat. A quantity of salt was administered, with an endeavor to dislodge the leech, without effect. Pepper and various other things were also tried, but to no purpose the creature still kept its hold, swelling and till the boy was almost suffocated. In this fearful state the boy continued till the following morning when he was again taken to the doctor, who on this occasion tried a quantity of Scotch snuff. The excitement produced, caused the little monster to leave its hold, and was thrown up. It was three times the size of a common leech. The boy is now doing well, but is excessively weak from the loss of blood.

Greenwich Gazette.

From the Eastern Argus.

AUGUSTA, Wednesday, March 2.

The order which was being discussed when I closed yesterday—repealing the act prohibiting fast travelling over toll bridges, consumed all but a few minutes of the forenoon. Much valuable and interesting information respecting the state of our toll bridges was elicited. From adherents to the old time-worn walking system, and those in favor of that degree of innovation—a trotting pace, in accordance with the trotting march of mind. The weak state of some of our toll bridges, it would seem, is such, that two shakes of a sheep's tail will disturb their equilibrium—discompose are and radius from centre to circumference. That sagacious quadruped, having insatiable desire of self preservation, avoids all dangerous wagging—not wishing to be washed sheep in the stream beneath. The question was taken by yeas and nays, and *Walkers out run & run* down by a moderate majority, the trotting party. Though in favor of slow travelling, the way they walked over us was anything but slow, and tho' they declared bridges preserved by slow pace—we were decidedly injured, in feeling, more than we should have been by fast travelling. Speed might have shaken us a little, but their hauling an immense burden over us at a slow rate, had a tendency to settle us down—in a majority.

Mr. Holmes, from the committee appointed on the part of the House, to confer with a committee from the Senate, on abolishing public executions—making them hereafter private, reported, that the committee could not agree, and moved the House insists on their former vote.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order regulating, or reducing the avails of the offices of Receiver of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. Parris moved that the subject be submitted to a select committee. He stated he believed the compensation secured greater than the duties of the office. That the Reporter had sometimes received the amount of twenty-two hundred dollars. He hoped we should have no offices which might become sinecures.

Mr. Wells of Hallowell, stated that the committee had given the subject the most mature and deliberate consideration—and weighing the matter well, and reported legislation inexpedient. He did not it e the idea of our reports and decisions of every committee. He believed it would impede legislation—keep us here till midsummer. He thought the compensation allowed should be such as to give us good and faithful Reporters and Reports.

Mr. Holmes followed Mr. Wells on the same side and Mr. Parris in reply to both.

Mr. Hobbs of Eastport, replied to Mr. Parris—stated that the avails of the office from the State was but \$600—that all over and above this was received from the sale of the Reports—

—their value to him and the profession depended on their inherent worth. He knew our Reports had high rank in other States; had received high encomiums from able and learned Jurists, and by this reputation thus acquired, the great amount of avails of the office. Mr. Greenleaf's Reports were so popular in other States that they were already out of print—and could only be obtained with great difficulty. He stated that an appointment had recently been made; and the friends of some candidates might be disappointed—and other reasons than these apparent, might induce to such move.

Mr. Perkins said that it had been stated that our Reports sold for a great amount above the six hundred dollars given by the State. That alone proved the value of the work, and the ability of the author. If a good work was the result of the Reporter's labours, it would sell

well, and the author make money. He opposed recommitment for the reason that he would pay men of talent and genius—give them an equivalent for their valuable labors. J.

Extract from a letter dated AUGUSTA, 24 inst.]

The report of the Committee on Banks and Banking is still sleeping on the table, and it is to be hoped, will never be disturbed. The principles of that document seem to find but little favor with the hitherto stern and unyielding opponents of the paper and credit system, as it now exists in Maine, and in New England generally. The report of that committee instead of presenting each application for Bank incorporation singly, upon its own individual merits, has undertaken to create a system—to carry out a theory, which, to say the least, has as little foundation in experience, as it has in sound principles of Banking and currency.

The result is, that there are now pending some twenty five petitions for Banks, with the sanction of the committee, and the occasion is afforded, and a direct inducement held out to log-rolling, and the worst species of legislative combinations. The friend of any single Bank paying for, is a friend of all; and all must go for the lump, or none can succeed.—This is the natural and inevitable result of the manner in which the subject has been brought before the Legislature. Discrimination is almost entirely out of the question. A beautiful system must be built up, a fine and plausible theory illustrated, and we have much reason to fear, that if the extraordinary multiplication of Banks should take place, the worst possible results will be experienced, and that, at no distant day. The remedy is in safe hands, and no sophistry can so gild the project as to blind or seduce the staunch opponents of special legislation and Bank influence.

The opponents of the State and National Administrations chuckle, with great glee, over their prospects in case this Bank policy is to be pursued. It is the very object for which they have been so long aiming. The principles of that party are sure to be subverted whenever Bank influence prevails. This the federal party will know, and as to the course recommended to the Legislature in relation to Banks, they exhibit a good deal more sagacity and just reasoning in embracing it as a friendly measure, than the Bank Committee do, when they prepare to invite foreign capital into this State by multiplying Banks to induce competition, and render the investments worthless!—Give the federal party the choice, and although they oppose with the bitterest malignity the suppression of small bills, they would gladly take that measure, if they can have the proposed increase of Banks, and will take good care, doubtless, at an early day to come armed with this additional power, to an absolute repeal of the law. The idea of introducing a specie circulation, and of imposing additional restrictions on Banks, is worse than idle, if Banks are to be chartered without limit and without discrimination. The State will be ruled by Banks. Maine will be in as crippled a condition, politically, as Massachusetts, and some future democracy will have to wage a stern contest indeed, to overthrow the tyranny which their predecessors have built up. This mania is raging in other States, but let Maine hold herself back from this perilous course—let her abide by her republican opinions; let her determine, whatever others may do, to give no sanction to that policy which will be destructive to her true interests, and reduce her now free and enterprising population to the wretchedness of wood and drawers of water to a set of soulless corporations, whose interest and habitual temper prompt to a perpetual warfare upon equal rights and personal freedom.

The small bill law is still under consideration. Every effort will doubtless be used, to deter the Legislature from a strong and decisive enactment. The federal party threaten, and bluster, and ridicule, just, as if their approbation was a matter of the slightest consequence, and as if the Legislature were to be influenced by a set of croakers, whose opposition is almost an unerring argument in favor of the measures. Because an imperfect law was violated last year—they contend, that no law can be constructed that will be enforced. They are mistaken. There is firmness enough in the Legislature to adhere to a sound measure,—and there is wisdom enough to devise a law that will enforce it.

It is desirable, it seems to me, before anything is said about more Banks, to ascertain whether the existing institutions have violated their charters; have those conditions been complied with? Ought not the Legislature to be just, before it is generous? It is not a duty, enjoined by their oaths, to see that the laws are not violated, and if they have been, to devise a remedy? The small bill law, last year, was habitually disregarded, at least by the opponents of the policy,—and the Legislature exhibits a very just solicitude to remedy the evil. Have the Banks fulfilled their chartered obligations?—The enquiry is as imperative in the one case as in the other. Massachusetts has been sitting these corporations, and her discoveries, would seem to show that this process might not be expedient, or ineffectual, here.

STENOGRAPHIC GLIMPSE OF CONGRESS.

From the Eastern Argus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

House. The North Carolina Election was debated a little to-day, and postponed and procrastinated, as all cases of contested Elections usually are. And yet they are the very ones that ought to be decided with the promptness of a Turkish Cadi; as the claimants to seats, though unsuccessful, are, I believe, invariably allowed the same pay as legal members. This, however, is a trifle compared to the time and expenses of the House arising from delay.—This election is important only in one point of view, and that only eventual, viz: that, in case the Presidential Election should come into the House, the vote of the State will depend upon the decision of the case now before the House.

The day was occupied in private business, no debate of much interest taking place, except on a Bill for the relief of sureties of a public defaulter. I think, as a general rule, Congress relieve too often in questionable cases, and defer it so long in unquestionable ones, that it amounts to a denial of justice.—Instance the Revolutionary Soldiers. It is a great evil for an individual to be obliged to seek a remedy of Congress; and not a less one for Congress to be obliged to entertain numberless claims, which after long and laborious investigation, are found to be not only groundless, but even without any pretension, except what impudence lends to fraud.—Now and then a case like John Anderson's is exposed; but what is a reprimand from the Speaker, if the scoundrel is detected?—He only fails to get a fraudulent claim; but the penitentiary is still defrauded of its dues, for there is no tribunal, I believe, to punish him.

Gossip. The Senator from La. has not yet arrived; but the 'Instructions' from Va. have. There is no change in stocks, and no Stocks on 'Change'—they are all in the—penitentiary. Only two or three suicides have happened because John Brown won't hang yesterday;—Crownor's quest. 'Death by disappointment.'—Lawrence is cultivating Mustaches.

RETS EFFENDI.

WASHINGTON, Feb'y 29.

The weather is as well as can be expected, after giving birth to a snow-storm last night, and christening it in a shower to-day. But never mind the natural storms—the snow, that descends like wool, and the rain that falls in due season,—it is the political storms we must look after; Nullification, descending like a hail shower and cutting off the green promise of the harvest, and Abolition, turning 'the gift of God' into a Sodom, and raining fire and brimstone from Passamaquoddy to Cape Sable, and from the Gulf to Lake Biddle beyond the Rocky Mountains, making every body smell it—Truly, 'thail stones, mingled with fire!'—and we have had it in both Houses all day.

House. Monday, as we all know, is the discount day of Arthur Tappan & Co. and the Co. are John C. Calhoun and his chique. They are in the Aaron Burr trade; but employ their surplus in a manufactory of 'available candidates,' which are for sale at various branches of their factory, on the lowest terms for 'bar-gain or corruption.' It grieves me to say, there was a great pressure and some panic to-day, when they offered their Abolition paper for discount, and were not permitted to go into a history of the word, in presenting it; nay, nor even permitted to state the age, sex, condition, quality, standing, understanding, character, height, size, proportion, local habitation, or name of the signers, endorers, agents, abettors, issue, relations, friends, neighbors, or fellow citizens! Mr. Granger presented an Abolition Petition, but the Chair would not let him go into any of these interesting particulars, though he was fully prepared to enter into them all, and insisted on it, and persisted in it, under the Rule of 'making a brief statement of the nature of the contents of the petition. Mr. G. was greatly distressed after the 22d round, having been regularly floored by the Chair every time he came to the scratch. His bottle-holder, the gentleman from Va. uncorking, came to his relief, and decanted a sparkling or prickly spruce; but the Chair soon ordered the stopper to its place; and spoiled the sport.

Mr. Patton of Va. offered Resolutions from the Legislature of Va. Resolving that Congress had no right to 'abolish' in the District or Territories; and this, it was thought, might be talked about to all eternity, surely! And so Mr. Wise uncorked against time; but he had not decanted but a few spoonfuls of persiflage, before the Chair ordered him to cork up his spleen. He sweet and swelled like a toad with salt on his back. He appealed from the decision of the Chair he had so often insulted, to the magnanimity of the House he has as often treated with contempt. They soon put the incorruptible patriot out of his misery by confirming the decision of the Chair. The Resolutions went to Mr. Pinckney's Select Committee, to sleep the sleep of oblivion; but not till the previous question had been ordered, and the main question passed by a vote of 149 to 40.—Abolition and Nullification are getting to be poor business. Tappan and Calhoun had better dissolve the firm and wind up its concerns.

Senate. Abolition was the order of the day. Mr. Black made a Nullification speech on it,

all fusion; and read some tracts, and attacked Gov. Marcy.

Mr. King of Ga. made an able and admirable speech, exposing in all its odious colors, the conduct of the Nullifiers. I hope his speech will be read at the South as well as at the North. I have not yet seen such exact justice meted out to Tappan, Calloun & Co. in any speech this session. None but a Southern man could do it; and he has done it effectively.

Judge Porter rose to reply, taking the rank Nullification ground, and working himself into a fever, through apprehension that the North would be able not only to take care of the Abolitionists, but the Nullifiers too. They will do it in spite of his fears.

Mr. Tyler said to have resigned this morning; but as I saw no weeping, wailing, or gnashing of teeth in the Senate, I can hardly credit it, though the tears live in an onion that should water this sorrow!

REIS EFFENDI.

WASHINGTON, March 2.

My first duty is to correct my mistakes; or they will correct me. I fell into an error yesterday touching the Journal,—it did not "omit" the motion to "allow the member to proceed," the day before; but that motion was made, not by Mercer, but by John Y. Mason. The Petition or Memorial signed by one individual purported to be from John A. Smith of this District, not "Va." So much for corrections.

But what is of more importance is this vote on an occasion, which, I am told, stands on the records of parliamentary proceedings, "alone in its glory!"—that this is the first case in Legislative history where a deliberative assembly have silenced an obnoxious and disorderly member by their vote, and prohibited him from speaking—in order or out of order, right or wrong! The "silenced" member may boast of having been the first man ever GAGGED in a Legislative Hall; and he seems proud of the pillory to which he has been exalted—proud as Lucifer, for having been

By merit raised
To that loud eminence!

The yeas and nays on his unenvied honors are recorded on the Journal of the House on the 29th February; and the vote, conferring the diploma, stood one hundred and sixty-three in the affirmative, and thirty-eight in the negative!

House. A short debate arose on the North Carolina Election, relative to allowing the member claiming a seat, Mr. Newland, counsel on the floor. After this, the New York Relief Bill came up; and

Mr. Pearce of R. I. finished his speech, commenced on a former day upon it. The Bill has undergone an entire change of principle since it was first reported, inasmuch as interest is allowed on the deferred bonds, thereby subjecting the Treasury to no loss, unless by the failure of the obligors and sureties—an event not unlikely to happen in many cases, before the maturity of the bonds. Prudent persons do not give credit four years, but as this is a matter rather of policy than principle, I shall not meddle with it now.

Mr. Pearce went into an analysis of the Bill, showing how unequal and partial would be its operations—how impossible and unconstitutional it was for Congress effectually to grant relief in such cases. It would be in vain for any one to attempt to refute his arguments; they were based upon the soundest and broadest principles of legislation and the Constitution, and cannot be overthrown. I have heard his speech pronounced by members as the ablest delivered in the House this session—but I shall except Mr. Adams.

Mr. Pearce has gained a rank as a debater and legislator on this occasion which will cost him some labor to maintain; but I know that his industry is equal to the task; and his ambition will not permit him to lose what he has thus honorably gained.

The Navy Bill next came up, and waddy Thompson "fretted his hour" upon it, and then was heard no more.

Senate. Abolition was the order of the day. Mr. Buchanan made a soiling speech; Mr. Walker made his maiden one; and Judge White played "third hand high"; I did not hear any of them, and cannot speak as to their merit.

REIS EFFENDI

Assault upon the Speaker of the House, by Mr. Wise, Representative of Virginia.

Immediately after the adjournment of the House on Tuesday, Mr. Wise encountered the Speaker, in the Lobby, as he was going from the Hall into the Speaker's private room, and placing himself before him, said, "you are a d—d tyrant, and I wish I you to consider this remark as personal, which you may pocket in silence without making any reply, and, indeed, Mr. Peyton accompanied Mr. Wise, and one or two members were present, and also the Serjant at Arms.

The above we take from the Boston Post of Saturday. The difficulty grew out of the disposition by the House of the Resolutions of the Virginia Legislature on the subject of abolition. Mr. Polk decided that these resolutions ought to go to the Select Committee under Mr. Pinckney's resolution. Pending an appeal from this decision, Mr. Wise was declared out of order, and on persisting to proceed was directed to take his seat. On a motion to permit him to proceed, he was voted down—78 yeas, 100 noes. The correspondent of the Boston Commercial Gazette says:

"That Mr. Wise was out of order, and that he should not have been allowed to go on, where facts that no one could deny, and yet he succeeded in keeping the House in a state of confusion and turmoil for upwards of an hour and a half, to the entire confusion and delay of every kind of business."

We do not learn that any notice was taken of this disgraceful assault, either by Mr. Polk or the House.—Argus.

From the Eastern Argus. BANKS and BANKING.

The Legislature have not yet acted on the recommendation of the Bank Committee, and the longer its action is delayed, the less likely will be the project to succeed. We cannot, for a moment, believe, that a majority of the Legislature, or that a majority of the people, can be prevailed upon to practice; and that while the multiplication of Banks has hitherto been strenuously proposed for their sanction. The creation of Banks does not create capital, and besides the other objections to an increase of such corporations, the scheme proposed, would, in our opinion, be but the creation of a fictitious capital, building up an unsound and unhealthy system of Banking, to be productive, for a short time, of a delusive prosperity, but finally to burst and overwhelm thousands in ruin. Even if it were deemed good policy to give a farther extension to the present system of Banking, there is as yet no satisfactory evidence that the required capital can be commanded. There is nothing that indicates an amount of idle or unproductive capital in the State now seeking investment, sufficient to put twenty five or thirty Banks in operation, to double the existing amount of such stocks.

The price of Bank stock does not show a superabundance of capital seeking that sort of investment. The extreme difficulty of getting even a moderate amount of capital from the neighboring States to put in motion other Banks lately created, shows that little is to be hoped for from abroad. Indeed the most morbid fanaticism is let loose upon the country in relation to this subject. The democracy have opposed in singleness of heart, this system of associating wealth, and surrounding it with privileges and immunities denied to the great mass of the community. We cannot believe that they will sanction it now more than they did years and years ago. It is a matter of principle with them not a thing of interest, to take the hue of circumstances and become right because they happen to have the power to establish it. It is a warfare against equal rights, and putting the productive labor of the community under a sort of tenantry to legalized extortion. Suffer this system of granting acts of incorporation for all sorts of purposes to prevail much longer, and to be extended much farther, engendering upon them exclusive privileges, and you build up a power at war with the spirit of our institutions. You induce a direct and bitter conflict between the laboring and productive classes to sustain life with its ordinary comforts, on one hand, and the relentless tax-gatherers legalized extortioners, on the other, to abridge those comforts and cut down their profits to the narrowest limits within which life itself can be sustained. True—this is the extreme; but every departure from the appropriate sphere of legislation—every attempt to manage the business of the community—to give a direction to industry or regulate its profits, is radically wrong, and tends to that extreme. We hear much eloquence on the topic of "vested rights," and the power of a Legislature to reverse the action of its predecessors. Let legislation keep within its proper sphere, and such a case can hardly occur. It is special legislation and its bitter fruits, now and then, startle us with the cry "you are violating contracts and impairing vested rights!" When Government descends from its supervision over the general interests of the State—the enactment of laws bearing equally on all—to the management of private business and directing individual enterprise,—we must expect a violation of contracts, and that interests, vested under one species of improper legislation, will be impaired by another equally improper. The Legislature is clearly omnipotent within its appropriate sphere. When it passes its limits, it is a wrong-doer, and the people must drive it back again within the confines of its own proper jurisdiction. The best and only way to avoid all trouble about "vested rights" and the violation of contracts is to seal up the source of the evil—not to legislate money out of one man's pocket into the pocket of another—not to make one calling profitable, and another, valueless,—not to tie up competition in one pursuit, and leave it unfettered, in another,—not to combine, by Legislation, wealth into large masses, and arm it with exclusive privileges against the industry and freedom of the individual,—but to guard general interests in which all participate alike, and leave every individual free to seek his own happiness in his own way, according to his own disposition and the laws of the land. Strike out of our statutes all the legislation whose ostensible object is an increase of general wealth, and there will be left but a pitiful monument of the care which has been extended to other more important objects for which government is instituted.

The proposition has been made to get the State interested, as a Stockholder in Banks; and in other investments, which, it is said, will prove lucrative. We are opposed to this scheme. It springs, in our estimation, from a very wrong view of Government. We hope not to see the day when the State will embark with individuals, in partnership, for Banking or other purposes. We do not wish to see it mingle its concerns with every petty association, and engage in partnerships for trade, Manufacturing, Banking, or transportation, and to make a leading object in its policy, to gather profits from the pursuit of any branch of industry. A surer mode of fixing special Legislation, with all its evils upon us, could not be devised. It is conceding to share the profits and strengthen the foundations of these corporations, built up by special legislation—it is investing itself with a powerful interest to sustain the system, and heap upon them every unequal advantage in the pursuit of profit, however hardly it may bear on private industry and equal rights.

As to the increase of Banks proposed by the Committee, it is believed, that nothing like their addition is called for, or can be profitably invested. Its effect will be to give a new impulse to speculation, and resting on no substantial basis, will soon terminate in a tremendous crash, and perhaps in bringing back a National Bank, as the only corrective to evils of an husbandry. The United States Bank is determined to have an agency or branch in each State. And no doubt, a substantial profit might be made by selling out a charter, located at the right point, to that Bank at a handsome advance. It must be a fine consolation to a Democrat to know that he had been voting a charter for a branch of the U. S. Bank! That such would be the destination of one, we have not the shadow of a doubt. Considering the system as radically erroneous, and the recommendations and reasoning of the Report as utterly reversing what has hitherto been regarded as sound Democratic principles in relation to such incorporations, we hope the result will be as cheering as the failure and mortification of the Democracy of a sister State have been severe and painful. Bank influence has saddled Pennsylvania with the U. S. Bank. We hope Maine will present a firmer, and more cheerful aspect amidst the surrounding gloom. The tables of her Legislature are heaped high with petitions for a brood of Banks, but we trust they will be rejected in the lump, and we doubt not, the people will say—Amen!

From the Saco Democrat.

Augusta, March 5, 1836.

Friend CONDON.—The business of legislation proceeds with moderate and regular march—like a wounded snake drags its slow length along.

The Bill prohibiting the circulation of Bank bills of a small denomination is not yet finished. It occupied the committee four days, was submitted to a Select Committee on the part of the House, who made and reported some small alterations, and it is now ready for discussion and action. It is for the present on the table—has cast anchor—rests in the swift rushing current of legislative business.

The well formed and honest desire of the country Democracy of being forever rid of dangers which ever threaten from the gathering and accumulating floods of paper currency, can only be obtained by circumscribing—crippling the almost illimitable power of our Banks. Money which should be left to the operation, be affected only by natural causes—is, by Bank action, subjected to continual expansion and depression, and by such means every commodity of use and traffic is made to experience unnatural rise, injurious and oppressive to the buyer—and often to suffer depression ruinous to the seller.

If our people are honest in their wishes for a better currency, they will cheerfully aid in putting in operation all laws which shall tend to give us a specie basis. The amount of small State will then flow back to the source from whence it emanated, and silver and gold will circulate to an equal, and as the country may demand, to a greater amount in its stead.

I would have our National Government—our State sovereignties, our whole people imitate in this particular France and the French. France, hundred francs—about ninety three dollars of our money. In consequence of this wise legislation, the entire country—her whole people, are supplied with a steady metallic currency which can never be exhausted, by either than corrupting American Banking process—an evil of our people which they will be slow in initiating.

The entire soil has been laid waste—devastated by her own and foreign armies, and her capital been twice in possession—its gay courts and splendid saloons, rung to iron tread of hostile soldiery. Her Government has often been called on "at the point of the bayonet" for immense dues. Yet with all this her currency has never been shaken—her people never impoverished. The demand of business, every day intercourse, and it was said by the great and good Huskisson in the English Parliament that "however such visitations (invasion of foreign foes) might have affected the great, the body of her population remained unimpressed." Could we, with the best people and the best form of government on earth, succeed in establishing and perpetuating such a currency, how rapid would be our advance in morals, happiness and true wealth. Our paper currency is shaken by every breeze of storm of war, as soon as may, come upon us, and its absolute utter worthlessness will to the sorrow, to the lasting ruin and corruption of our people, be proved.

I see the Age of this morning reports and publishes the speech of Mr. Holmes. It is in the estimation of many members, different views respects from the speech as delivered. Allusions made to it by others, following members will show that it is not in all respects, the same. Much of the ridicule pointed at the Senate, and the offer of support to the Government on a certain contingency, are studiously avoided—evidently wanting in the printed speech.

The Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to pay the members in Specie passed yesterday to be engrossed by a unanimous vote—66 in favor—55 opposed. This will assist in some degree, in distributing specie throughout the State and fill to a certain extent the vacuum occasioned by removing small bills from circulation. The most bitter and virulent opposition which will surely commend itself to the people. No party whigs could not help showing the cloven foot, which has thus far been cautiously covered and concealed.

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An act granting divorce to True W. Doar and Nancy Doar has passed the House. It stems Nancy found she had got into the wrong door, and called on the legislature to get her out—un-living wife, is nobody's business. Nancy is "in at the straight gate," she may, as women sometimes will, "climb up some other way."

The prospect of our rising, clearing out with March, looks dark. The month may pass and leave us a month behind. We work like dray horses, but are loaded deep, when we get to the embarkment wharf must unload and reload with the snow—go out with the ice—but must melt by the sun's rays—break up by force of wind and current. We see no end to the business of legislation, and must break up in the middle.

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Yours, CENSOR.

From the Eastern Argus.

Augusta, Saturday, March 7.

I take the following 'motions from the Journal of Saturday. On motion of Mr. Pariss of Buckfield—

Ordered, That the Special Committee of the House to whom was referred an order directing them to inquire into the expediency of altering or abolishing the salary or compensation of Reporter of Decisions of S. J. Court, be empowered to send for persons, with authority to administer oaths and examine them as witnesses.

Mr. Cushing of Augusta moved the following order—

That the Hon. Justices of the S. J. Court be requested to give the House their opinion on the following question:—

Has the Legislature of this State the right to prohibit the Banks in this State incorporated, entitled to the privileges and subject to the liabilities of the law regulating Banks and Banking, passed March 31, 1831, from issuing Bank notes of a less denomination than \$5?—Wednesday next was assigned as the time for considering the above motion.

The office of Reporter of Court Decisions is one of great importance, requiring the union of talent, learning and great industry. Those who have thus far discharged its arduous duties, have accomplished the task with ability and fidelity—like honoring and advantaging themselves and the State. The avails of the office from the State direct, are small indeed, in comparison with the labours of the office—its relative duties, and acknowledged importance. The hundred francs—the inherent worth of our reporter, has alone caused the office to be one of honor and profit. In the possession of a third rate lawyer, one, the extent of whose ability enables him to swell and burst in managing a large number of cases before a muddy headed Justice—would sensibly depreciate in worth and importance.

The order of Mr. Cushing will do the Banks little good, decided which way it may be. If the Legislature cannot control the rates as well as the amount of Bank emissions, they will see that no more such paper mills are erected and incorporated. The Banks themselves will not submit the question, however much they may desire the privilege of giving small promissory notes. The contest might be something like that between lightning and the horn beam—both finding their match.

The resolve in favor of—Littlefield is being discussed. It seems Mr. Littlefield purchased land of Massachusetts, when this State was connected with it. Some time after the State sold a portion, or portions of the land to another purchaser. Mr. Littlefield was, by process of law deprived of his rightful purchase and now petitions the State for just remuneration. After some discussion in which Messrs. Holmes of Alford, Tobin, Sturdivant and Smith were engaged, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Smith, to the Committee on State Lands.

Acts to incorporate Granite Railways, Dams in rivers, &c. are numerous as swallows in summer, and fly about—read with such frequency and rapidity, that I am unable to report in detail—shoot them on the wing.

The Bill incorporating the Bark Extract Association, for the purpose of extracting essence of juice or gum from Hemlock and other Barks, came down from the Senate indefinitely postponed. Mr. Hobbs moved that the House insist on their former vote, and appointed Committee to counter with the Senate. The motion to insist did not prevail.

After numerous motions, this Hemlock Swamp Corporation was swamped by indefinite postponement.

ON JORD DEMOCRAT.

Paris, March 15, 1836.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, of N. York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Kentucky.

Many of the debates in our Legislature are able and we doubt not would be interesting to our readers, but we have little room for what is said. The discussion of the subject of suppressing small bills has been the most important of any that has thus far occupied the attention of the House, and we therefore prepare to give one of the leading speeches on each side, in order that our readers may see what is said for and against the measure. For this purpose we shall insert the speech of Mr. Holmes and the reply of Mr. Ciley.

We are glad that the Resolve providing for the payment of the members of the Legislature in specie has passed. By this means some thousands of dollars will be thrown into circulation among the people, and will assist in driving out of circulation the small bills, which are now kept afloat in defiance of the law. The Federalists evince a most determined opposition to this measure, as though they were fully satisfied that the people would be benefited by it. We hope that the people, determined spirit on the part of the Democratic members of the Legislature as that manifested in the passage of this Resolve will be exhibited when the Bank Reports and charters are presented for action. We hope that the theories and assertions contained in the Reports will be allowed to influence the Legislature no further than they are supported by facts—that nothing therein contained will be taken for granted, and that past experience will correct our too sanguine anticipations of the future. If contrary to the theory of the Report, the small bills are found to increase in a direct ratio to the amount of Banks are multiplied or the rate of interest increased, the capacity will be made, whether that is as specious enough to the State to render it perfect, or to double the number of Bills. There are many other caprices of a similar nature worthy of the attentive consideration of the Representatives of the people.

We are indebted to the Hon J. Smith, of the Senate for a copy of the Report of the Committee on Capital punishment. They recommended its abolition, and preparatory to that, an amendment of the Constitution, so as to take away the privilege of Bail from offenders now punishable with death. The Report is an elaborate one and while we assent to the propriety of its conclusion, we are inclined to entertain doubts whether its reasons are calculated to remove the doubts of those who are opposed to the measure. In brief we have a few remarks. We are not certain that capital punishment is a change though fully convinced that it is not a day the equal that will take place at a very early day, therefore to call the attention of the public to the subject, to invite its discussion and hear the arguments of the opponents—to soften their prejudices and a free argument. There is much to be done before the minds of all are prepared for the change. Perhaps the experiment would be the most successful, full argument in favor of abolishing the punishment of death.

From Mr. Taylor we have received a copy of the Report of the Committee who have had under consideration so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the establishment of an academy for the better qualifying primary school teachers, accompanying it a Bill and Resolves. We have been very anxious, as we think it must be with all of us to the end of education, that there are very erroneous notions and still more erroneous practices prevalent, amongst the common people generally. We are satisfied that something ought to be done to secure for the rising generation on the frontier the best of our laws. Money enough has been expended for two purposes to improve the quality of the instruction of our children, and we are not satisfied that the State has done enough for the teacher, and that those who have learning enough for the task of teaching, are not encouraged to do so. We should like to see some long done which should have a tendency to qualify teachers for their noble and honorable duty, and to raise the standard of education among them. We are upon the plan proposed as desirable in this respect, that education is a privilege to be given gratuitously to those who are poor, and that they may become teachers, and as they may choose. We at strive to see that if the State do not do it, the instructions they ought for a limited time to be given to a person or persons who they have been required to do in the past.

U. S. Senate. The people will rejoice that one of their opponents in the State of the United States has so far yielded to the suggestions of his constituents as to resign his seat. We allude to Mr. Tyler of Virginia. His colleague Mr. Leigh, who has formerly been a strong advocate for the right of instruction and the duty of the State to obey, declines practicing upon his own precepts. The magnanimity of Mr. Tyler and the example of Mr. Tyler are but upon Mr. Leigh, who does not appear to like the interference of the people in matters of government.

We are indebted to a friend for a copy of the Report of the Committee on the subject of the State of the live stock market. It is a very interesting and valuable document, and contains a great deal of information. It is a very interesting and valuable document, and contains a great deal of information. It is a very interesting and valuable document, and contains a great deal of information.

FEDERAL STATE CONVENTION.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Pappan of Augusta, D. C. Magoun of Bath, was chosen President, and N. Wilson of Orono, and Jeremiah Lathrop of Hallowell, Secretaries.

A Committee appointed for the purpose reported that four Committees be raised, viz:—to draft resolutions—to prepare an address—to nominate a candidate for Governor—to nominate electors of President and Vice President. The first Committee was appointed to consist of R. H. Vose, Esq. of Augusta, and nine other gentlemen. The second, of Messrs. Richardson of Portland, Kimball of Belfast, Paine of Hallowell, Farley of Thomaston, Lord of Kenne-

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BANKS AND BANKING.

We took occasion in our paper of last week to mention the fact, that the subject of Banking, taken in connexion with the numerous applications for new banks, is exciting a good deal of interest among the people of this State, as well as among their representatives in the legislature. We also adverted to the two Reports made to the legislature by the committee to whom that subject had been referred; and we adopted, without sufficient consideration, perhaps, a position, assumed by the committee as true, which we are now satisfied is at least very questionable. The theoretical politician and the practical politician do not always agree in their results. A very experienced British statesman once remarked, that in the practical operation of the measures of a government two and two do not always make four. Speaking of the views expressed by the Committee we stated:

It is said that the increase of the number of banks and the amount of bank capital will not increase the quantity of bank paper in circulation, nor increase the disproportion between the amount of specie and paper. The only effect will be to diminish the circulation of the present banks."

Now the question "whether the creating of new banks and throwing into circulation new supplies of paper currency, does or does not operate to increase the quantity of bank paper in circulation," is not so much a question of theory, as a question of fact. Hence we have been led to look into the facts for the purpose of seeing how far they were in accordance with the theory of the committee.

From a careful examination and comparison of the official bank returns, as published from time to time by authority, it appears that:

In January 1834, the whole amount of bank capital incorporated by this State was \$2,727,000
In January 1836, the whole amount of bank capital incorporated by this State was \$3,785,000

This making an increase of bank capital in the two last years of \$1,058,000
Notwithstanding this increase of one million five hundred thousand dollars of bank capital, the theory is that there has been no increase of bills in circulation—the bills of the new banks having only driven an equal amount of bills of the older banks out of circulation, and so taken their place. But, unfortunately for the theory, on recurring to the official returns, we find that:

In January, 1834, the whole amount of bills of the banks in circulation was \$1,303,671
In January, 1836, the whole amount of bills of the banks in circulation was \$2,346,076

Thus making an increase of bank bills, put into circulation in the last two years, of \$1,042,405
If then we compare the increase of Bank capital in this State for the last two years with the increase of bank bills put into circulation in the same period, we find:

The increase of bank capital \$1,058,000
The increase of bank bills 1,042,405

Making the difference between the increase of capital and the increase of bills put into circulation less than 1-2 per cent—viz. \$15,595

We have taken the period of the last two years together, for the purpose of instituting the preceding comparison. Let us now see how it holds if we take the last year separately. Recurring then again to the official returns, we find that:

The Increase of bank capital in the course of the last year has been \$854,000
The increase of bank bills in circulation, during the same period, has been \$987,162

Making an Increase of Bank bills, put into circulation during the last year, beyond the amount of the increase of bank stock during the same period, of nearly 16 per cent, or \$138,162

It is manifest, therefore, as it seems to us, that the hypothesis assumed by the Committee, and upon which is based the proposed enormous increase of bank capital, is deceptive and fallacious.

There is one other comparison which we wish to make, before leaving the subject, for the consideration of our readers. We have already stated that the amount of bills in circulation in January last was \$2,346,076. From the official returns it appears that the whole amount of specie in the vaults of the banks was \$207,766, being less than one dollar in specie for eleven dollars of bills in circulation. The earliest bank return we have before us is one of eleven years ago—that of June, 1825. Perhaps our readers would like to know how matters stood then.—The following exhibit will satisfy their curiosity in part, and at the same time point out the present tendency of things. According to the official returns of June, 1825, the three banks of Casco, Cumberland, and Portland, being all that were then in operation in this town, had together of

Bills in circulation, \$209,452
Specie in their vaults, 151,360
Making at that time, eight dollars in specie to eleven in paper, instead of one dollar to eleven, as the general average now is.

We do not mean that our readers should infer from this statement, that all the banks in the State in 1825, were in equally good condition

with those of Portland. On the contrary, some had already failed, and others were in failing circumstances. Thus the *Hallowell and Augusta Bank* had \$10,841 of bills in circulation, and not a cent in specie. So also

Bangor Bank had \$111,778, and only \$4375.
Kennebec, " 89,076 " 3009.
Waterville, " 84,889 " 800.

But such as these, are a fraud upon the community. "They must fail and ought to fail—and the sooner they fail the better." And fail they did all of them. The circulation of such banks ought not to be taken into the account; and hence we have confined ourselves to the banks then in operation in this city only, since we could not bring into view the whole.

We close our remarks at the present time on this subject of so much interest to the people, with one or two reflections.

1. The circulation of bank bills within this State, has been nearly doubled within the last year; and yet the money market is not easy, but the pressure is now more severe, than it has been since the crisis of "the panic," so called, in 1834.

2. Our present "monetary system" consisting of the circulation of bank bills, which are now the representatives of credit and not of specie, is a high pressure system; and there is great danger, lest, in pushing it too far, we hasten an explosion and thus produce a disastrous collapse.

EXTRAORDINARY FACT.—The most extraordinary and the best-attested instance of enthusiasm, existing in conjunction with perseverance, is related of the founder of the Foley family. This man, who was a fiddler, living near Stourbridge, was often witness of the immense labor and loss of time caused by dividing rods of iron necessary in the process of making nails. The discovery of the process, called splitting, in works called splitting-mills, was first made in Sweden, and the consequences of this advance in art were most disastrous to the manufacturers of iron about Stourbridge. Foley, the fiddler, was shortly missed from his accustomed rounds, and was not again seen for many years. He had mentally resolved to see time by what means the process of splitting bars of iron was accomplished; and, without communicating his intention to a single human being, he proceeded to Hull, and thence, without funds, worked his passage to the Swedish iron port.—Arrived in Sweden, he begged and fiddled his way to the iron foundries, where, after a long time, he became an universal favorite with the workmen; and, from the apparent entire absence of intelligence, or any thing like ultimate object, he was received into the works, to every part of which he had access. He took the advantage thus offered, and having stored his memory with observations and all the combinations, he disappeared from amongst his kind friends as he had appeared, no one knew whence or whither. On his return to England he communicated his voyage and its results to Mr. Knight and another person in the neighborhood, with whom he associated, and by whom the necessary buildings were erected, and machinery provided. When at length every thing was prepared, it was found that the machinery would not act; at all events, it did not answer the sole end of its erection,—it would not split the bar of iron. Foley disappeared again, and it was concluded that shame and mortification at its failure had driven him away for ever. Not so; again, though somewhat more speedily, he found his way to the Swedish iron-works, where he was received most joyfully, and, to make sure of their fiddler, he was lodged in the splitting-mill itself. Here was the very aim and end of his life attained beyond his utmost hope. He examined the works, and very soon discovered the cause of its failure. He now made drawings, or rude tracings; and having abided an ample time to verify his observations, and to impress them clearly and vividly on his mind, he made his way to the port, and once more returned to England. This time he was completely successful, and by the results of his experience enriched himself, and greatly benefited his countrymen. This I hold to be the most extraordinary instance of credible devotion in modern times.—*Letters, Conversations, and Recollections of S. T. Coleridge, Esq.*

The Senate of Virginia has passed the expunging resolutions by a majority of six. It was expected they would be presented to the U. S. Senate on the 23d inst. Mr. Tyler (the correspondent of the *Journal of Commerce*) has determined to resign. Mr. Leigh, it is said will cling to his "vested right!"—*Argus*.

WASHINGTON AND NAPOLEON.—Lord Byron was fond of talking of Napoleon, and made no scruple of expressing a high admiration of him. He allowed him to be a tyrant, but asserted that one could forgive his excesses in consideration of the grandeur of the object he had in view. If he was a tyrant, he was a great and glorious tyrant. "But do you think," said I, "that he had the true sentiment of greatness, taking the word in its most noble and exalted sense? We will allow him great talents, great genius, but look at his intense egotism, is that any part of the greatness?" To this he replied, "A great conqueror must of necessity be a great egotist, since he who undertakes to sway the destinies of the world must regard himself as the central point of the whole universe, and a certain self-reference must pervade the whole scheme of his policy." "But Washington was no egotist." "No, nor was he a great conqueror; he was the chief man among the people who did a great thing. Napoleon did great things himself; the nation goes for nothing in his history; it is a passive instrument in his

hands. Napoleon's history and greatness must be regarded as a personal affair." "But Washington could have made himself something personally; he had the moderation not to do it." "Then we must allow Napoleon to be the greater general, and Washington the greater man."

On Crockett's return to his constituents after his first session in Congress, a nation of them surrounded him one day and began to interrogate him about Washington. "What time do they die at Washington, Colonel?" asked one. "Why," said he, "the common people, such as you, here, get their dinners at one o'clock, but the gentry and big bugs dine at three. As for us Representatives, we dine at four, and the aristocracy and the Senate, they don't get their victuals till five." "Well, when does the President dinner?" asked another. "Old Hickory?" exclaimed the Colonel, (attempting to appoint a time in accordance with the dignity of the station,) "Old Hickory! well if he dines before the next day I wish I may be retelling!"

GOLD. The Washington Globe states that the Neapolitan indemnity of \$1,250,000 is ordered home in gold; also that the French indemnity, of which between three and four millions are now due is ordered home in the same coin. The new gold coin already coined at the mints is about six millions of dollars. Add these items to the customary supplies from our mines of eight or nine hundred thousand dollars, and from commerce of twice this amount, and the aggregate will show the sum of about eight million dollars of Gold coined at the United States mint this year, which added to the previous coinage of six millions, will make fourteen millions of gold coin. Now if the State Legislature will wisely decide to annihilate the small bills in each State respectively, and thus aid in establishing a sound specie basis for the local banks, a large proportion of this precious metal may be retained in the country. Our farmers and mechanics may then safely lay aside against case of necessity, their eagles, hawks and quarters, and know that neither Bank failures nor the ravages of fire can consume or decrease its par value. But if the State Banks are permitted to send forth like floods of locusts their small bills, in a very short time the precious metals in the country used for money will again be reduced to the scanty and miserable supply which existed two years ago when panic and distress visited our principal towns and cities. A combination of brokers and bankers, as well as Mr. Biddle, may renew the scenes of those days at pleasure, if the country is suffered to be drained, as then, of the gold and silver. How seldom do we now find the tillers of the soil in possession of gold, and it always will be thus so long as bank bills of the lower denominations obstruct its passage to their hands; and although they may be desirous of buying it with the products of their industry, some how or other like a Will o' the Wisp it eludes their grasp, and their hands touch only bits of paper on which are stamped the "President, Directors and company promise to pay."

Riots in New York.—Serious disturbances took place in New York last Tuesday, in consequence of which the business of the ship owners generally, and the merchants in the burnt district, was temporarily suspended, and the life of a valuable Police Officer, Mr. Bruk, endangered. He was injured by a blow on the head and not expected to recover. The disgraceful conduct of the mobs has its ostensible origin, in the refusal of their employers to pledge themselves to pay the stevedores and laborers an increase of wages for the entire coming year.—Violence was threatened and attempted on property, and a regiment of militia called out to preserve quiet.—*N. H. Patriot*.

Russell and Crockett, the two unfortunate young men, who set fire to a dwelling house in Boston are to be hung on the 16th of March.—"They entertained the most sanguine expectations of the commutation of their punishment, until the order of the Governor and Council for their execution was read to them on Saturday last. There is no hope of reprieve or pardon. O let all young men see, in their case, the evil of yielding to the temptations of sin.—*N. H. Patriot*.

The New Hampshire Patriot thinks the complaint of our Bank Commissioners, that Massachusetts and New Hampshire have sent their small bills into this State so as to defeat in a great measure the design of the law of last winter, is a pointed and merited rebuke to the democracy of that State, for permitting the federalists to put down the measure when a similar project was agitated in the New Hampshire Legislature at its last session, and says "another session will present a different result upon this question." We hope so, and are glad to find the faithful "old Pat." as ever performing his duty, and urging the importance of the measure upon the attention of the democracy of the "granite state." [Bangor Rep.]

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